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DECLARATION OF ALAN P. MACKENZIE UNDER 37 CFR §1.132

I, hereby declare that:

I have the following educational background:

Univ. of London, England B.Sc. 1951 General Science
Univ. of London, England B.Sc. 1952 Chemistry

Univ. of London, England Ph.D. 1957 Chemistry

Honors: Both B.Sc. degrees were taken with First Class Honours.

I have held the following Research and Professional Appointments:

Research Associate Professor, Center for Bioengineering, School of Medicine, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.

Associate Professor, Center for Bioengineering, School of Medicine, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.

Research Associate, High Voltage Electron Microscope Laboratory, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

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Associate Director of Research, American Foundation for Biological Research, Madison, Wisconsin.

Research Associate, American Foundation for Biological Research, Madison, Wisconsin.

Staff Scientist, Glaxo Research, Glaxo Laboratories, Ltd., Greenford, Middlesex, England.

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The following is a brief, but accurate, synopsis of my relevant experience:

Dr. MacKenzie began his continuous career in freezing and freeze-drying in 1959. His earliest studies centered on the fundamental aspects of the freezing and freeze-drying processes. Later his work focused also on pharmaceutical, microbiological and diagnostic applications. Dr. MacKenzie has published more than 50 papers on lyophilization and presented more than 100 papers

from the platform at national and international meetings. Dr. MacKenzie has developed and currently maintains a practical and theoretical interest in the biophysics and hydration of peptides and proteins and their freezing and freeze-drying behavior.

I have read and understood the specification and claims of the subject application, the Office Action dated July 19, 2000, and the Office Action dated September 20, 2001;

and, being as duly qualified, do further declare:

- I. The present invention is based on the discovery that Factor VIII compositions can be prepared in a stable dried form by freeze-drying an aqueous solution of Factor VIII using trehalose as a stabilising agent in the absence of albumin.
- II. I have been asked to review an issued United States patent to determine its relevance to the present invention. Specifically, I have reviewed the following reference:

 Livesey et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,364,756)
- III. I have carefully reviewed this reference and, for the reasons discussed below, conclude that there is no teaching or suggestion in this reference of the present invention.
- IV. My review of this reference has been done in the context of what was known in the art when the present invention was made. My knowledge in this regard is based on many years of experience in this field dating back to 1959. In 1991, various Factor VIII compositions were known. Factor VIII preparations which were derived from human blood necessarily contained albumin. Although there were significant health risks associated with administering albumin to a patient, namely the potential risk for viral contaminants to be present, the presence of albumin was believed to be necessary in order to stabilise the Factor VIII protein. Recombinant Factor VIII preparations were also being prepared, but again it was believed to be necessary to add albumin to the preparations to stabilise the proteins. The

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presence of albumin was believed to be necessary because Factor VIII proteins are extremely labile, even in the presence of other stabilisers.

V. The teachings of the cited reference are entirely consistent with what was generally believed in the art at that time — that albumin was necessary to stabilise Factor VIII compositions. Although the presence or absence of albumin in a Factor VIII composition was clearly <u>not</u> the main focus of this reference, a careful review of this reference reveals evidence which supports the proposition that one skilled in the art would <u>not</u> have expected to be able to freeze dry Factor VIII in the absence of albumin.

VI. The Livesey et al. patent describes the cryopreservation of biological materials. The method and apparatus described by Livesey et al. can purportedly be used for cryopreservation of materials ranging from viruses to cultured mammalian cells. However, it is apparent from the disclosure, including the examples, that the primary focus is on the preservation of whole cells. Red blood cells, plateletes, leukocytes, sperm, pancreatic islets, and marrow cells are all listed as specific examples of cells which can be preserved using the Livesey et al. procedures. There is very little discussion, and there are no examples, of the preservation of proteins. Those skilled in the art know that materials and procedures used to preserve whole cells and/or viruses are not necessarily applicable to the stabilisation of proteins. Furthermore, Livesey et al. state that the exact ingredients of the suspensions which are to be preserved "is not considered to be a component of the invention." Thus, I find no disclosure in the Livesey et al. patent which is specifically relevant to the selection of appropriate stabilising agents for delicate proteins.

VII. Freeze drying of biological materials is a very complex, and poorly understood, process. Livesey et al's. extensive discussion of this process contains much information which is not relevant to the current review. However, the critical differences between ambient drying and cold temperature drying are expressly acknowledged by Liversey et al. It

is clear from the discussion in the Livesey et al. reference that protection of proteins from damage due to freezing involves very different mechanisms from protecting proteins from damage due to drying. Livesey et al. contrast the role of cryoprotectants with dry protectants stating that "[t]he cryosolution may also include exposing the biological suspension to one or more dry protectant compounds. Dry protectants, by definition, stabilize samples in the dry state." Livesey et al. specifically list human serum albumin as a cryoprotectant which has been found to be effective <u>in combination</u> with trehalose (a dry protectant). Thus, the Livesey et al. reference does <u>not</u> teach that trehalose can be used in the absence of albumin.

VIII. Trehalose is only mentioned by Livesey et al. as one possible ingredient in a drying process. There is no reference to preparing a Factor VIII composition in the absence of albumin, and it cannot be inferred, given the knowledge at that time, that albumin was not required. Thus, the Livesey et al. discussion of stabilising agents is entirely consistent with the proposition that Factor VIII cannot be freeze-dried without the use of albumin as a stabilising agent. In my opinion, there is nothing in the Livesey et al. specification or claims which teaches, or even suggests, to those skilled in the art, that Factor VIII can be freeze-dried in the absence of albumin.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the Application or any Patent issuing thereon.

Further declarant sayeth naught

Signed:

Date: